

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on July 28, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully considered.

In this Amendment, Applicants have editorially amended the specification, revised Figure 3, amended claim 1, canceled claim 3, and added claims 6 and 7. Claims 1 and 6 are the independent claims, and claims 1, 2 and 4-7 are pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner's Action has objected to the drawings for not showing the liquid crystal display device. In response, Figure 3 has been amended to illustrate this feature, and the specification has been amended to reference the liquid crystal display device. It is requested that this objection be withdrawn.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 as being obvious over *Choi* (USP 6,839,228) in view of *Hogdahl* (USP 5,329,427). Because claim 3 has been canceled, Applicants will treat this rejection as applying to claims 1, 2, 4 and 5. It is submitted that these claims are *prima facie* patentably distinguishable over the cited references for at least the following reasons.

Applicants' independent claim 1 is directed to a host structure for a notebook computer which includes a bottom member that has a housing compartment. The housing compartment holds all of the electronic elements needed for an unplugged portable notebook computer. The electronic elements include a main board, a central processor, a plurality of memories, a plurality of

connectors, a hard disc drive, an optical disk drive, a radiation fan and a battery. Moreover, a top member is provided which is for mating and covering the bottom member using screwing elements. According to this claim, the bottom member is a standardized member and the top member is formed with varying styles to couple with the bottom member to form a notebook computer host of a new style. This configuration allows notebook computer vendors to alter the design of the top member while utilizing a standardized base member, in order to provide a new model or style computer, as discussed in Applicants' specification. This claimed invention is neither disclosed nor suggested by these cited references.

Choi discloses a portable computer apparatus, which includes a main body 10 that includes a top casing 11. The top casing 11 is disposed over a bottom casing 13. This reference also discloses that electronic elements are disposed in a housing compartment of the computer, which electronic elements include a main board, a central processor, a plurality of memories, a plurality of connectors and a hard drive. However, this reference does not disclose or suggest an optical disk drive, a radiation fan and a battery, as being provided within the housing compartment, as would be required by Applicants' independent claim 1. The Examiner's Action acknowledges this deficiency, but states that adding these features would have been obvious, for the reasons discussed on page 4 of the Action. However, it is respectfully noted that there does not appear to be any space provided for these added features within the invention shown, for example, in Figure 6 of the prior art device, so therefore, one skilled in the art would not

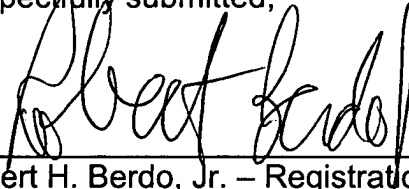
have attempted to modify the *Choi* invention to include an optical disk drive, a radiation fan and a battery, as recited by claim 1. Moreover, although the Examiner's Action states that the top member 11 of the *Choi* device can be formed with varying styles to couple with the bottom member to form a notebook computer host of a new style, Applicants have studied the *Choi* patent, and were unable to find any disclosure supporting the Examiner's contention. That is, it appears that the configuration of the top casing 11 comes in one style only, and it is therefore unclear where the Examiner is finding support for the assertion that it can be formed in varying styles. Likewise, the secondary reference to *Hogdahl* fails to overcome these above-noted deficiencies.

Furthermore, the primary reference does not disclose or suggest how the top member is fastened to the bottom member, and therefore, the Examiner's Action relies on the teachings of *Hogdahl* to overcome this admitted deficiency. However, *Hogdahl* discloses using fasteners to secure a liquid crystal display, digitizer and color member to a mounting ring of a work slate. However, there is no disclosure or suggestion from this reference of fastening a top member of a host structure to a bottom member of the host structure, as recited by claim 1. As such, it is submitted that Applicants' independent claim 1 is *prima facie* patentably distinguishable over the cited combination of references. It is thus requested that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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